IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please substitute the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 18, with the following.

-- Since the exposure apparatus must be controlled using a plurality of exposure control programs, the program must be switched, decreasing the operation speed of the exposure apparatus. Further, transfer of a program to a plurality of apparatuses in advance requires a large capacity memory for storing the program. ~~These~~ This requires an increase in ~~resource~~ resources for managing the semiconductor production exposure control programs and capacity of a storage device such as a disk. --

Please substitute the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 15, with the following.

-- To solve the above-described problems and to achieve the object, according to the present invention, an exposure apparatus which projects a pattern on an original onto a substrate comprises an original stage which supports the original, a substrate stage which supports the substrate, a reference pattern which is arranged on the original stage and to align the original stage and the substrate stage, and a mark which is arranged on the original stage, has a known relative position from the reference pattern, and is to be projected onto the substrate to form an alignment mark on the substrate. --

Please substitute the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 13, with the following.

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-- Other objects and advantages besides those discussed above shall be apparent to those skilled in the art from the description of a preferred embodiment of the invention, which follows. In the description, reference is made to the accompanying drawings, which form a part thereof, and which illustrate an example of the invention. Such an example, however, is not exhaustive of the various embodiments of the invention, and therefore reference is made to the claims, which follow the description for determining the scope of the invention. --

Please substitute the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 25, and ending on page 15, line 2, with the following.

-- The masking blade MS is so set as to expose the entire surface of the circuit pattern on the reticle R. The pattern on the reticle R is sequentially projected into regions S1, S2, S3, ..., on the wafer W in accordance with the alignment measurement result. --

Please substitute the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 9, with the following.

-- The interrelationship ~~between~~ among an exposure alignment mark on the reticle reference plate PL, an exposure alignment mark pattern, and wafer alignment will be explained with reference to Figs. 5A to 5C. --

Please substitute the paragraph beginning at page 21, line 26, and ending on page 22, line 8, with the following.

-- Also, when four alignment marks FXY11, FXY21, FXY31, and FXY41 are printed in fan shaped regions shown in Fig. 6B, these marks are formed as alignment marks each having one of four different types of identification marks FM1, FM2, FM3, and FM4. For example, when the shape of mark FM1 represents a target alignment mark, a square identification mark is added to the upper left portion of the mark. An image processing device P recognizes the mark on the basis of this mark type information. --

Please substitute the paragraph beginning at page 27, line 9, with the following.

-- In this case, the software includes an object code, a program executed by an interpreter, script data supplied to an operating system (OS), and the like. The type of software is not particularly limited. --

Please substitute the paragraph beginning at page 27, line 13, with the following.

-- The recording medium for supplying the software includes, e.g., a flexible disk, a hard disk, an optical disk, a magnetooptical disk, an MO, a CD-ROM, a CD-R, a magnetic tape, a nonvolatile memory card, a ROM, and a DVD (DVD ROM or DVD R). --

Please substitute the paragraph beginning at page 27, line 18, with the following.

-- The software can also be supplied by downloading the software itself or a compressed file containing an automatic installing function from an Internet homepage to a recording medium such as a hard disk by using the browser of a client computer. The software can also be

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supplied by dividing it into a plurality of files and downloading the files from different homepages. Hence, the embodiments of the present invention also include a <u>World Wide Web</u> (WWW) server, which allows the user to download the software. --

Please substitute the paragraph beginning at page 28, line 8, with the following.

-- The functions of the above-described embodiments are realized by executing the readout software by a computer. The embodiments of the present invention also include a case in which an OS, or the like, running on the computer performs part <u>of</u> or all of actual processing on the basis of the instructions of the software, and this processing realizes the functions of the above-described embodiment. --

Please substitute the paragraph beginning at page 28, line 16, with the following.

-- Further, the embodiments of the present invention include a case in which, after the software read out from the recording medium is written in the memory of a function expansion board inserted into the computer or the memory of a function expansion unit connected to the computer, the CPU of the function expansion board or function expansion unit performs part <u>of</u> or all of actual processing on the basis of the instructions of the software and this processing realizes the functions of the above-described embodiments. --